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The reply brief filed 1/14/08 has been entered and considered. It is noted that with regard to the rejection(s) under McCormack, Appellant continuously fails to provide the evidences to support that why the capacitive and the resistive couplings formed by Applicant's shielding layer 80 would reduce the noise, but not the capacitive and the resistive couplings formed by McCormack's shielding layer 12 (as discussed on page 11 of Examiner's answer). With regard to the rejection(s) under Wei, Appellant just simply states that "the N-well 484 is not a shielding layer" (see page 21 of reply brief). However, Appellant has not provided any reasons whatsoever to support this assertion. For the rest of Appellant's arguments, no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary because the examiner's answer mailed on 11/15/07 is incorporated herein for reference. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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